

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the creation of the post of a Special Chief Engineer in the Public Works Department.

ORDER No. P.W. 7721-7732—EST. 75-53-1, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 24TH NOVEMBER 1953.

A number of major irrigation projects have been taken up in the State in recent years. Most of them had been started prior to the advent of the Five Year Plan, but with their inclusion in the Plan, it has been possible to secure more rapid progress in regard to their execution. Among the projects which have been so included are the Tunga Anicut, the Nugu Reservoir and the Bhadra Reservoir Projects. These are works which together cost about Rs. 22 crores and are expected to irrigate a total extent of about 2,70,000 acres. The existing financial provisions of the Five Year Plan having been found inadequate, the Government of India were being urged to make available additional resources for speeding up these projects. They have accordingly indicated their approval to the grant of a loan of Rs. 3 crores for the Bhadra Reservoir Project and Rs. 50 lakhs for the Nugu Reservoir Project for the rest of the Plan Period.

With this assistance it is now possible, and even necessary, to increase the pace of work on these projects. A sum of Rs. 505 lakhs is expected to be spent on the Bhadra Reservoir Project alone during the rest of the plan period, and a sum of Rs. 208 lakhs on the balance of works on the Nugu and Tunga Anicut Projects. Besides these, there are other important works like the Ambligola Project, the Dandavathi Reservoir, etc., which are either under execution or under consideration. Recently, a Special Public Works Division for dealing with irrigation under the Tungabhadra Project in Mysore area has been constituted, and has been placed temporarily under the control of the Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle. Work in this connection is likely to increase and need special attention.

Government consider that in order to secure undivided attention for the execution of major irrigation works in the State, it is necessary to have an additional Chief Engineer to be in exclusive charge of such projects. They are accordingly pleased to create the post of a Special Chief Engineer on a pay of Rs. 1,400 for a period of one year in the first instance. The Special Chief Engineer will be in charge of the Bhadra Reservoir, the Tunga Anicut, the Nugu Reservoir, irrigation under the Tungabhadra Project in Mysore area, and other works now attached to the Tungabhadra Valley Circle. He will have his headquarters at Bangalore and correspond direct with Government in matters falling within his jurisdiction. Orders posting an officer as Special Chief Engineer will be issued separately. The Chief Engineer of Mysore will cease to have control and jurisdiction over major irrigation works specified above from the date the Special Chief Engineer assumes charge.

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Public Works Department.*

Approves the rules for the conversion of the Maintenance Establishment of the Water Supply Division and the Sanitary Bureau into Pensionable Establishment.

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Government Order No. P.W. 803-809—Est. 25-47-63, dated 4th August 1948, directing that the service of the maintenance staff attached to the Water Supply Division and the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering be treated as pensionable and requesting the Chief Engineer to forward a set of rules for approval of Government.

2. Letter No. 8857-60—E., dated 27th March 1950, from the Chief Engineer forwarding proposals for converting the maintenance establishment of the Water Supply Division and the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering into a pensionable establishment.

3. U. O. Note No. 180—W. I. dated 15th May 1951, from the Deputy Controller, Works Audit Department, in the matter.